

REMARKS

Claims 2-6, 8, 14, 16, 18, 20 and 22 have been cancelled without prejudice and disclaimer.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite the elected species of SEQ ID NO:1331 and to incorporate the recitations of cancelled claim 2. Claims 7, 9, 10, and 24 have been amended to track the language of amended claim 1.

New claims 25-33 have been added and recite additional embodiments of the polypeptide. Support for the new claims can be found in the claims as originally filed, as well as throughout the specification at, e.g., page 2, lines 1-2.

Cancellation of claims 2-6, 8, 14, 16, 18, 20 and 22 and amendment of claims 1, 7, 9, 10, and 24 is made without prejudice and without intent to abandon any originally claimed subject matter. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more continuing applications hereof containing the canceled or unamended claims.

Table 1 has been amended at row 1 to clarify that the fragment numbers are the sequence identifiers (see, the Sequence Listing filed May 31, 2002).

Entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested.

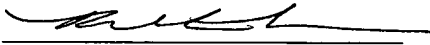
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